



When Asa Weston's house was moved off its original site by the old railroad track on Duck Hill Rd. and the lower half was made into a fine gambrel roofed house, the top half too was made into a second house.

Slicing a house in 2 horizontally is a most unusual procedure but that is what happened. The second story was dropped to the ground floor and a new second floor put on above it, also with a gambrel roof.

Originally in 1797 Asa Weston, mariner, had purchased a tract of land from Abel Chandler on Duck Hill Rd. which included part of Bourne's Wharf and the slope on the northerly side of the road which overlooked the Wharf. It was on the slope that he built his imposing 2-story, raised frame house of federal style and it was there that he brought up his family. Unfortunately in 1816 his enterprising cousin, Peleg Weston, foreclosed a mortgage on it. However, Asa's family continued to live there for many years after which it was occupied by Peleg's heirs and other tenants.

The Old Colony Railroad built its track very close to the house. It was finished in 1871 and from then on Bourne's Wharf gradually went out of existence. The Railroad Company bought the house in 1895 and rented it to a railroad employee at one time.

In the late 1920s it was moved to the westerly side of Enterprise St. near the Marshfield line overlooking Green Harbor Brook. There were enough fine features in the chambers of the old house to fit well into the first floor of the new structure. In the parlor the beautiful paneling over the fireplace may have come from the first floor. The corner posts remain, some lovely old doors are there and some of the windows reflect lavender hues denoting their age. The floor has 3 layers - oak, pine and a subflooring. The large timbers in the basement may have come from another building of the same vintage. In several places it is reinforced by railroad ties. The flooring under the front hall is not the same which leads one to believe that this is where the stairwell was located in the original house. In spite of the fact that in the necessary finishing, parts of the house obviously did not come from Duck Hill the effect of the era is authentic. There is an atmosphere of the warmth of generations in this inviting house.

So side by side on Enterprise St. sit the halves of the house which Asa Weston built in 1797. The one made from the lower half is the Walter Wolfe house, next door to the one made from the chambers which is the home of Cliff and Ann L'Heureux.